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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: METHOD FOR THE AUTOMATIC ROUTING  
OF DATA PACKETS IN AN OPTICAL DATA  
PACKET STREAM

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### AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Non-Fee Amendment  
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Dear Sir:

### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated November 24, 2003, for which a response is due on February 24, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.